

As a former staff attorney in the Bureau of Competition (FTC) and a member of the public, I find Sinclair Broadcasting's transparent attempt to influence the outcome of the upcoming presidential election through the use of the public airways extremely disturbing.

Even more disturbing is that Sinclair may actually get away with it's outrageous conduct. It will, that is, unless the FCC prevents Sinclair from airing its one-sided documentary.

Sinclair's characterization of that propaganda as news is insulting. No one in their right mind would suggest that Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 911" is news and, notably, Sinclair is not forcing its stations to air that particular documentary (nor should it be able to).

The effects of media consolidation are widespread and dangerous to democracy. The property of the public should not be manipulated for the benefit of a private entity that uses that property for free and, supposedly, in furtherance of the public interest.

You, the servants of the public interest and representatives

of a government by
and for the people
need to act. Please
strengthen the laws
related to media
consolidation.
Thank you.